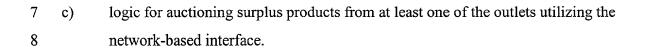
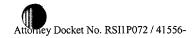
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method for auctioning surplus products in a supply chain management
2		framework, comprising:
3	a)	receiving data from a plurality of outlets of a supply chain utilizing a network, the
4		data relating to an amount of products sold by the outlets;
5	b)	making the data accessible to the outlets, distributors, and suppliers utilizing a
6		network based interface; and
7	c)	auctioning surplus products from at least one of the outlets utilizing the network-
8		based interface.
1	2.	The method of claim 1, wherein the outlets, the distributors, and the suppliers are
2		provided access to the network-based interface.
1	3.	The method of claim 2, wherein the outlets, the distributors, and the suppliers are
2		capable of submitting bids utilizing the network-based interface.
1	4.	The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
1	5.	The method of claim 1, wherein the auctioning is initiated in response to one of
2		the outlets closing.
1	6.	A system for auctioning surplus products in a supply chain management
2		framework, comprising:
3	a)	logic for receiving data from a plurality of outlets of a supply chain utilizing a
4		network, the data relating to an amount of products sold by the outlets;
5	b)	logic for making the data accessible to the outlets, distributors, and suppliers
6		utilizing a network hased interface: and



- 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the outlets, the distributors, and the suppliers are
 provided access to the network-based interface.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the outlets, the distributors, and the suppliers are capable of submitting bids utilizing the network-based interface.
- 1 9. The system of claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 10. The system of claim 6, wherein the auctioning is initiated in response to one of the outlets closing.
- 1 11. A computer program product for auctioning surplus products in a supply chain 2 management framework, comprising:
- a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of outlets of a supply chain
 utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of products sold by the outlets;
- 5 b) computer code for making the data accessible to the outlets, distributors, and suppliers utilizing a network based interface; and
- 7 c) computer code for auctioning surplus products from at least one of the outlets 8 utilizing the network-based interface.
- 1 12. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the outlets, the distributors, and the suppliers are provided access to the network-based interface.
- 1 13. The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the outlets, the distributors, 2 and the suppliers are capable of submitting bids utilizing the network-based 3 interface.



- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the network includes the
- 2 Internet.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the auctioning is initiated in
- 2 response to one of the outlets closing.